

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**CHARLESTON DIVISION**

**IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,  
PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

**MDL No. 2327**

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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO  
ETHICON WAVE 7 CASES**

**PRETRIAL ORDER # 269  
(Docket Control Order – Wave 7 Cases)**

I find that certain additional cases involving West Virginia plaintiffs should be placed in a Wave and worked up for trial. To that end, I have attached a list of West Virginia cases not already in an Ethicon Wave that name only Ethicon, Inc., Ethicon, LLC and/or Johnson & Johnson (the “Ethicon defendants”) or allege claims against only the Ethicon defendants’ products. These cases, attached hereto as Exhibit A, will be known as the “Ethicon Wave 7 cases.” Because the parties have conducted extensive discovery in Waves 1 through 6, I have shortened the deadlines in Wave 7. It is **ORDERED** as follows:

**A. SCHEDULING DEADLINES.** The following deadlines shall apply in the Ethicon

Wave 7 cases:

Plaintiff Fact Sheets.	10/25/2017
Defendant Fact Sheets.	11/27/2017
Deadline for written discovery requests.	12/27/2017
Expert disclosure by plaintiffs.	12/13/2017
Expert disclosure by defendants.	01/12/2018
Expert disclosure for rebuttal purposes.	01/26/2018
Deposition deadline and close of discovery.	02/09/2018
Filing of Dispositive Motions.	03/01/2018
Response to Dispositive Motions.	03/15/2018
Reply to response to dispositive motions.	03/22/2018

Filing of <i>Daubert</i> motions.	03/07/2018
Responses to <i>Daubert</i> motions.	03/21/2018
Reply to response to <i>Daubert</i> motions.	03/28/2018

1. **Discovery Completion Date.** The last date to complete depositions shall be the “discovery completion date” by which all discovery, including disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1), and (2), but not disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3), shall be completed.

2. **Limitations on Interrogatories, Requests for Admissions and Depositions.** The following limitations apply:

- a. The Ethicon defendants are limited to 10 interrogatories, 10 requests for production of documents and 10 requests for admission per plaintiff.
- b. Each plaintiff is limited to 10 interrogatories, 10 requests for production of documents and 10 requests for admission to the Ethicon defendants.
- c. In each individual member case, no more than 4 treating physicians may be deposed.<sup>1</sup>
- d. Depositions of plaintiff’s friends and family members may be taken at any time prior to trial provided the deposition is requested before the discovery completion date.
- e. Depositions of any witness are limited to 3 hours absent agreement of the parties.
- f. The court will consider modifications to the above limitations upon good cause shown.

3. **Limitations on Experts.** The following limitations related to experts apply:

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent disputes arise regarding the division of time between the parties for the deposition of treating physicians (three hours total absent agreement), I will address those disputes, rather than the assigned Magistrate Judge, Judge Eifert.

- a. The parties may conduct general and specific expert discovery on the products at issue in Ethicon Wave 7. In light of the bellwether trials, Waves 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the substantial discovery conducted to date, the parties are cautioned not to engage in duplicative general expert discovery, but instead, to tailor their discovery to the remaining Ethicon defendants' products at issue (to the extent such discovery is necessary), supplementing any discovery already completed and conducting specific causation discovery for the Ethicon Wave 7 plaintiffs. In light of the common products involved in Ethicon Wave 7, the likelihood of overlap in expert opinion from one case to another (except as to specific causation) and the need to streamline discovery in these cases, **each side is limited to no more than five (5) experts per case (exclusive of treating physicians)**. It is the court's expectation that these experts will overlap for plaintiffs who have the same product(s), to some extent, if not entirely.
- b. The parties shall coordinate the depositions of general causation experts. Insofar as multiple plaintiffs utilize the same general causation expert or experts, those experts shall be deposed only once on the issue of general causation. As to Ethicon's experts, plaintiffs are instructed to choose a lead questioner.
- c. The court encourages the coordination of depositions of specific causation experts to the extent there is overlap in the parties' use of specific causation experts for multiple plaintiffs.

- d. The court will consider modifications to the above limitations upon good cause shown.

**B. MOTION PRACTICE.**

1. **Daubert Motions.** For the filing of *Daubert* motions on general causation issues only, the parties are instructed to file one *Daubert* motion per expert in the main MDL (MDL 2327) instead of the individual member case. Each side may file one response and one reply in the main MDL to each *Daubert* motion.<sup>2</sup> This limitation does not apply to specific causation *Daubert* motions, responses and replies. Specific causation *Daubert* motions, responses and replies must be filed in the individual member cases. To the extent an expert is both a general and specific causation expert, the parties must file a general causation motion in the main MDL 2327 and an individual specific causation motion in an individual member case.

2. **Hearings.** Hearing dates for dispositive and *Daubert* motions, if any, will be set at a future status conference.

3. **Page Limitations.** The page limitations provided in Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1(a)(2) apply to memoranda in support of all dispositive and *Daubert* motions, oppositions, and replies, and the court will not be inclined to grant motions to exceed the page limit.

4. **Confidential Documents.** In the past, the court has permitted parties to file placeholder exhibits in support of *Daubert*, dispositive and other motions, responses and replies in the place of confidential documents that may be sealed and then, within five days, redact/dedesignate the documents or file a motion to seal. *Moving forward, the court will no longer permit this practice. Parties may no longer file placeholder exhibits.* The court expects leadership

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<sup>2</sup> If parties wish to adopt previous *Daubert* motions on general causation experts, they may so indicate in a filing in the main MDL 2327.

counsel for plaintiffs and the Ethicon defendants to resolve issues related to confidential designations well before the filing of motions. Filings containing placeholder exhibits will be struck. In the event there are issues related to sealing of confidential documents that the parties are unable to resolve, they must be brought to the court's attention in a consolidated manner as follows: A consolidated motion to seal is due on or before **January 16, 2018**, any response is due **January 30, 2018** and any reply is due **February 6, 2018**.

5. **Locations of Filings.** With the exception of the general causation *Daubert* motions as outlined above, the parties are reminded that they must file dispositive and *Daubert* motions on specific causation, responses and replies in the applicable member cases only, not in the Ethicon MDL.

#### **C. PRETRIAL AND SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

1. **Pretrial and Settlement Conferences:** The court shall notify the parties as to the date of the Pretrial and Final Settlement Conferences at a later date.

2. **Deposition Designations:** The court shall notify the parties as to the dates of affirmative deposition designation, including identifying exhibits to be offered through the deposition testimony, objections to an opposing party's designation and accompanying exhibits, and any counter-designations at a later date.

3. **Exhibit and Witness Lists, Proposed Integrated Pretrial Order and Proposed Jury Instructions/Special Interrogatories/Verdict Form:** The court shall notify the parties as to the dates of exchanging and/or filing of Exhibit and Witness Lists, Proposed Integrated Pretrial Order and Proposed Jury Instructions/Special Interrogatories/Verdict Form at a later date.

**D. TRIAL**

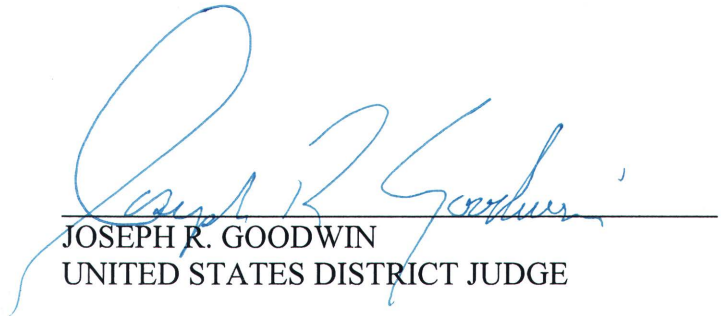
1. **Trial:** All Wave 7 cases will be set for trial beginning on **May 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** at the United States District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, Room 6600 and will be tried seriatim without interruption, except for weekends and court holidays, as pending on the trial date until all remaining Wave 7 cases are completed.

**E. COMMON BENEFIT TIME.** I have entered a number of Pretrial Orders related to the eventual recovery of the cost of special services performed and expenses incurred by participating counsel in this and the other MDLs assigned to me. While I have not yet expressed an opinion regarding whether payment of common benefit fees is appropriate, nor will I here, I direct the parties' attention to PTO # 18, and its warning that "[n]o time spent on developing or processing purely individual issues in any case for an individual client (claimant) will be considered or should be submitted, nor will time spent on any unauthorized work." Pretrial Order No. 18, ECF No. 282, ¶ C. The nature of this litigation persuades me that I should inform counsel that at this point in the litigation, where most if not all of the general causation discovery has been completed, it is difficult to envision that any work performed by counsel on individual wave cases would rise to the level of common benefit work.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-2327 **and in the Ethicon Wave 7 cases listed on Exhibit A.** In cases subsequently filed in this district after 2:17-cv-03944, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility

of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at [www.wvsd.uscourts.gov](http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov).

ENTER: September 8, 2017



JOSEPH R. GOODWIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**EXHIBIT A**  
**WAVE 7 CASES**

Count	Case Number	Case Style
1	2:12-cv-08646	Perry et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
2	2:12-cv-08805	Horst et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
3	2:12-cv-09172	Trevail et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
4	2:12-cv-09311	Bryant et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
5	2:12-cv-09644	Spinks v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
6	2:13-cv-02563	Cline et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
7	2:13-cv-03373	Massey et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
8	2:13-cv-03398	Miller et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
9	2:13-cv-03487	Clutter et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
10	2:13-cv-03621	Dailey et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
11	2:13-cv-03758	Adams et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
12	2:13-cv-04514	Walls v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
13	2:13-cv-05489	Sheets et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
14	2:13-cv-05677	Harris v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
15	2:13-cv-06172	Adams et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
16	2:13-cv-06200	Crowder et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
17	2:13-cv-07057	Gorby v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
18	2:13-cv-07552	Perry v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
19	2:13-cv-07854	Musgrave et al v. Ethicon, Inc.
20	2:13-cv-08502	Hall et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al



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21	2:13-cv-08506	Miller et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
22	2:13-cv-09237	Davis v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
23	2:13-cv-10287	Sawyer et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
24	2:13-cv-11946	Dove v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
25	2:13-cv-12827	Browning et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
26	2:13-cv-12972	Butler v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
27	2:13-cv-13263	Lane et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
28	2:13-cv-14448	Hager v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
29	2:13-cv-14694	Fleshman et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
30	2:13-cv-16151	Watts et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
31	2:13-cv-16271	Moore v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
32	2:13-cv-17140	Zande et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
33	2:13-cv-18487	McKinney et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
34	2:13-cv-18643	Samples v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
35	2:13-cv-20172	Thomas et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
36	2:13-cv-21184	Thomas et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
37	2:13-cv-22023	Morgan v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
38	2:13-cv-22854	Ferguson v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
39	2:13-cv-22900	Pritt et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
40	2:13-cv-22901	Farley v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
41	2:13-cv-25013	Patton et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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42	2:13-cv-25932	Neely v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
43	2:13-cv-26601	Shivley et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
44	2:13-cv-26811	Higginbotham et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
45	2:13-cv-27170	Anderson et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
46	2:13-cv-27366	Renforth et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
47	2:13-cv-27727	Davis v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
48	2:13-cv-29380	Hurley v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
49	2:13-cv-31164	Jackson v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
50	2:13-cv-31232	Kerns et al v. Johnson & Johnson Corporation et al
51	2:13-cv-31240	Goodnight v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
52	2:13-cv-32037	Hanna et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
53	2:13-cv-32698	Stratton et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
54	2:14-cv-00081	Corfee et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
55	2:14-cv-01100	Hicks v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
56	2:14-cv-01379	Sutphin v. Ethicon, Inc.
57	2:14-cv-02800	Paynter et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
58	2:14-cv-02950	Casto et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
59	2:14-cv-03389	Cooper et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
60	2:14-cv-03398	Demcoe v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
61	2:14-cv-04174	Howell et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
62	2:14-cv-04366	Miller et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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63	2:14-cv-06748	German v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
64	2:14-cv-07246	Sheets v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
65	2:14-cv-07281	Sheppard v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
66	2:14-cv-07467	Ryan v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
67	2:14-cv-07917	McNew v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
68	2:14-cv-07971	Gilkerson et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
69	2:14-cv-08149	Moore v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
70	2:14-cv-08427	Epling v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
71	2:14-cv-09014	Bailey v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
72	2:14-cv-09070	Garcia v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
73	2:14-cv-10224	Pruitt et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
74	2:14-cv-12186	Winals et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
75	2:14-cv-12441	Hanshaw et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
76	2:14-cv-12835	Jones v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
77	2:14-cv-12919	Kitchen v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
78	2:14-cv-14350	Whitt et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
79	2:14-cv-14412	Orndorff v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
80	2:14-cv-14497	Cadle v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
81	2:14-cv-14687	Lane et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
82	2:14-cv-15099	Meaige v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
83	2:14-cv-16229	Edwards et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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84	2:14-cv-16478	Vandevender v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
85	2:14-cv-22107	Gunn v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
86	2:14-cv-24201	Lively v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
87	2:14-cv-25229	Velazquez v. Ethicon, Inc.
88	2:14-cv-25281	Christensen v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
89	2:14-cv-25281	Christensen v. Ethicon, Inc., et al
90	2:14-cv-25584	Vargas v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
91	2:14-cv-25603	Vugrinovich v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
92	2:14-cv-26253	Rowe et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
93	2:14-cv-28237	Starr v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
94	2:14-cv-28300	Anderson et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
95	2:14-cv-28853	Harless v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
96	2:14-cv-29176	Messer v. Ethicon, Inc.
97	2:14-cv-29917	Crane et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
98	2:14-cv-30297	Chatman v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
99	2:14-cv-30635	Morrison et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
100	2:14-cv-30787	Flowers v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
101	2:15-cv-00800	Absten et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
102	2:15-cv-02800	Dickson v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
103	2:15-cv-03033	Jewell v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
104	2:15-cv-03766	Phillips et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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105	2:15-cv-04533	Aquino v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
106	2:15-cv-06267	Price v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
107	2:15-cv-11330	Watson et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
108	2:15-cv-11685	Woods et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
109	2:15-cv-12165	Bandy v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
110	2:15-cv-12552	Mendez et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
111	2:15-cv-12764	Michael v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
112	2:15-cv-13283	Johnson v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
113	2:15-cv-14261	Parkins et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
114	2:15-cv-14783	Mullins et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
115	2:15-cv-14871	Mueller v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
116	2:16-cv-00188	Oliverio et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
117	2:16-cv-01436	Casto v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
118	2:16-cv-01635	Demont v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
119	2:16-cv-01780	Murdock et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
120	2:16-cv-01994	Watts v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
121	2:16-cv-02193	Lyons v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
122	2:16-cv-03506	Prater et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
123	2:16-cv-03858	Hackler v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
124	2:16-cv-04003	Lantz v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
125	2:16-cv-04149	Bravo v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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126	2:16-cv-04176	Wolfe et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
127	2:16-cv-04407	Gore et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
128	2:16-cv-05064	Westfall v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
129	2:16-cv-05082	Oliver et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
130	2:16-cv-05198	Lodato et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
131	2:16-cv-05965	Stepp v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
132	2:16-cv-06368	Perry et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
133	2:16-cv-09555	Young v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
134	2:16-cv-09879	McCauley v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
135	2:16-cv-10461	Johnson v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
136	2:16-cv-10986	Trembly v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
137	2:16-cv-11228	Dingess v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
138	2:16-cv-11448	Ball v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
139	2:16-cv-11923	Foster v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
140	2:16-cv-11943	Young v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
141	2:16-cv-12290	Wiblin v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
142	2:16-cv-12361	Walker v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
143	2:16-cv-12747	Wickline et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
144	2:17-cv-00376	Nichols v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
145	2:17-cv-00788	Leighton v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
146	2:17-cv-01801	Cricks v. Ethicon, Inc. et al

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148	2:17-cv-02116	Amos et al v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
149	2:17-cv-02857	Watkins v. Ethicon, Inc. et al
150	2:17-cv-03062	McNish v. Ethicon, Inc. et al